

Testimony; Jobs At Any Price

Today in America and in many other countries around the Earth we hear much about jobs. Jobs are important to all of us; we need to support our families, to pay the rent and buy our food. But In fact I believe in the future there may not be jobs for all of us. In particular I believe there is no guarantee that we will be able to keep supporting what surely must be, when compared to the earths people, a pretty lavish lifestyle.

When our European ancestors came to America they were met with un-precedented abundance, wild game, lush forests, clear streams and rivers. within a few short years we managed to pillage the continent of natures easy riches. We killed off the passenger pigeons, the buffalo, decimated the fur bearing mammals, got the easy gold and precious metals, cut down the virgin forests, slaughtered the great whales and figured out what to do with the oil seeping out of the ground in Pennsylvania.

There is still an on-going war for conversion of the earths capital into corporate profits, Fracking for natural gas is going on like there's no tomorrow, tar sands from Canada will make a few folks billionaires. And then there is coal, "our coal" the coal our government is willing to sell to a private corporation for a pittance of its actual worth. Perhaps this way of relating to the environment will go on forever after all. But when I found out the oil spill in the gulf of Mexico was coming from a well 15,000 feet down in the water and 3,000 feet into the ocean floor I realized the Free lunch time is over. The earth is finite, at last we will have to grow up and learn to live within a budget. And cheap gas? Forget it!

In America we have embraced, profit motive capitalism. Business without morals means we the citizens must be the ones to apply the morality, get rich corporations are just not going to apply morality over profit. In fact American's largest exports used to be industrial goods, then agricultural products, then timber and natural resources. Now it is death machinery, land mines, bombs, military hardware, weapons, all sold to the highest bidder. Older retired people check their mutual funds for profits innocent to how real their making a "killing" on the market actually is.

One of the primary concerns for this proposal is the air we breath will be effected by Chinas burning it in one of the coal fired power plants we are told they are completing weekly. The carbon dioxide created by the un-clean burning of this coal will be another nail into the coffin we seem determined to make the earth.

How much of our souls are we willing to trade for jobs, now ? How much of the our grandchildren's future are we willing to trade for jobs now ? How much is the Orca worth to us,

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the salmon, the herring at ~~the~~ Point? How much is breathable clean air, and water, pure and replenishing worth to us? Could we leave the coal in the ground for the day in the future when we truly need it and the means of turning it into a clean burning fuel has been invented? Could we grow up a little, learn to share our combined riches, learn to be good stewards of the Earth's resources, which surely belong to us all?

The Earth is suffering from too many of us wanting too much too fast, we are squandering the future in our rush to get all we can right now. The Earth is dying by increments and it can be saved by increments. This is a good place to start. NO COAL PORT !!

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